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Sent: Tue, 15 Feb 2022 19:00:51 +0000
To: Reynolds, Dana; McKenna, Peter J; Jupp, Peter; Svab, John M
Cc: Price, Robert A
Subject: RE: Convoy related tows

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Those are two different incidents. The one the involving the dropped truck was when two young officers were showing initiative to tow an abandoned vehicle from Wellington and Metcalfe without authority. It was dropped because it was not abandoned and it was creating an issue. The second tow is at the Rideau Centre and is a private tow from their underground lot and has nothing to do with police. Don't want the issues becoming clouded

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Hey Pete and Peter (and everyone)

I had a good chat with [REDACTED] today about this incident and he did say that they were prepared to assist but that after the vehicle was loaded onto the flatbed the driver was permitted to get into the vehicle and drove it off with no penalty. He did say that they were swarmed and his driver did not feel safe and contacted him to say that it was not a safe environment. '

He has reported death threats to OPS as well as having their yard blocked at one point by truckers and he is at a bit of a loss as far as forcing his staff to attend calls if they don't feel safe. He did insist that they are here to support and assist us but he also needs to ensure his staff feel safe enough to do their jobs. He was open to suggestions.

As a note he did contact his insurance and was told that he may not be covered for damages at the protest as he is not covered for civil unrest. He also asked about contracting out his trucks to other non-employees as an emergency measure and was told that was not recommended for a variety of reason.

I'm not sure if we can arrange for more OPS support when they attend moving forward or we wait until there's a larger plan and incorporate them into this plan to ensure their safety and buy-in.

Thoughts?

From: McKenna, Peter J <McKennaP@ottawapolice.ca>
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Situational Awareness

A little more background in the event it is of value to you

From: Price, Robert A <PriceR@ottawapolice.ca>
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RE: 22-38499

Earlier today the Rideau Centre identified a vehicle in their parking lot that had been parked in their red parking lot, parked in the first spot as you enter the garage from Colonel By, that had been parked there for several days. This vehicle a Ford 250 (ON [REDACTED]) had gas spillage around it and it appeared to have a fuel pump on the interior where protesters would attend and fill fuel containers. The act of filling containers appears to be the cause of fuel spillage. The spills covered multiple parking spots. The bed of the truck appeared to have a mini fuel pump hooked up to a larger gas source.

Rideau Centre requested the vehicle to be towed and OPS attended. OPS seized a gas cannister that was unattended next to the unoccupied vehicle. Rideau Centre was asked to delay the tow due to ongoing negotiations with convoy personnel.

Rideau Centre called later in the day around 1355, to see if a tow can be affected. At approx 1630 OPS command authorized the tow to proceed. OPS officers attended with Bylaw Officers. Bylaw ticketed the vehicle. OFD attended to assess the gas situation and safety. It was determined that the vehicle was safe to tow as per normal procedure. Bylaw contacted their tow company.

After quite a delay [REDACTED] attended and advised all present that they would not be towing the vehicle citing safety concerns, despite the presence of OPS, Bylaw and Rideau security.

Information was received from other sources relating to the tow industry that local tow companies were promised \$ (1/4 of the Go Fund Me total) not to tow convoy related vehicles..

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